

RUMANIA'S ACTION WAS DISCOUNTED

Present Contingency Foreseen by the Allies Months Ago.

The collapse of Rumania, like the collapse of Russia, is a contingency already foreseen and is provided for in the plans of the allies.

The situation is thus summed up: Germany, weeks and months ago, repeated every immediate advantage she can hope for from her Eastern triumphs.

In this race Germany is handicapped by the indigestible state of the vast bite she has taken out of Russia.

It is officially stated here that the United States will recognize and aid the first government established by the Russian people.

It is predicted in allied military quarters that the next Teuton drive will be aimed at Saloniki.

The Teutons have long since removed from the eastern front every piece of their heavy artillery.

Recent captures of Germans on the western front, notably those made last week by the Americans, reveal that Germany has already well combined her eastern forces for men who can stand with the effective she is now using on the western battle line.

No permanent Russian government establishment is visible on the horizon. But Ambassador Francis, advises to the State Department yesterday show, has established himself at Volodga.

The British, French and Italian envoys, the department learns, have safely reached Swedish territory through Finland.

Little importance is attached to the news from Harbin, Manchuria, that Prince Lvoff, first premier of Russia under the revolutionary government, has proclaimed a new government with jurisdiction over all the Russian provinces.

Harbin is several hundred miles from the nearest Siberian border. It has a large Russian population, consisting of malcontents over whom the Chinese authorities have had to hold a strong hand. Prince Lvoff's action is compared to the brave words which revolutionary juntas sometimes utter in New York when the scene of their revolution is thousands of miles away.

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Rail Bill Conferees Reach Compromise

President Empowered to Initiate Rates, But Interstate Commission May Overrule After Hearing—To Hold Roads Twenty-one Months After War.

Passage of the administration railroad bill, taking all lines under government control, is expected by Congressional leaders by the end of the week.

Final agreement was reached by conferees on a compromise measure yesterday afternoon. Their report will be submitted to both Houses today, and Chairman Smith in the Senate and Sims in the House will ask immediate action. They hope to celebrate the week-end by placing the measure before President Wilson for his signature.

Compromise Follows Debate.

The compromise rate-making section contains considerable speculation. It provides that President Wilson may initiate rates, but that the Interstate Commerce Commission may overrule him after a hearing. However, the President's rates stand while the hearing is being conducted, and the commission, in arriving at its final decision, must take into consideration the fact that the roads are under unified control and the President's responsibility to make them a financial success.

This compromise, written by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, followed an animated argument between the Senate members of the conference, who held out for the Interstate Commerce Commission's final power, and the House, which was equally insistent for the President's authority.

The roads will be held twenty-one months after the war—a compromise between the Senate's eighteen months and the House's two years asked for in its bill.

The roads will come before final passage of the bill. Middle West Republicans will seek again to retain rate-making power with the President.

Move for U. S. Ownership.

Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, announced yesterday afternoon he would move that the roads be held ninety-nine years after the close of the war. After seeking a record vote on that, he will move for straight government ownership.

Both this attempt, however, and the efforts at amendment which Republicans will make, are more to make permanent records of Congressional sentiment than in the hope of success.

By the rules of the House, the conference report must lie on the table for one day after being reported. Unanimous consent will be asked for the waiving of this rule. If this is denied—as expected—passage of the bill is nevertheless possible by tomorrow night.

Text of Compromise.

The text of the Robinson compromise on rate-making follows: "That during the period of Federal control whenever in his opinion the public interest requires, the President may initiate rates, fares, charges, classifications, regulations and practices by filing the same with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which said rates, fares, classifications, regulations and practices shall not be suspended by the Commission pending final determination.

"Said rates shall be reasonable and just and shall take effect at such time and upon such notice as he may direct, but the Interstate Commerce

Commission shall, upon complaint, enter upon a hearing concerning the justice and reasonableness of so much of any order of the President as establishes or changes any rate, fare, classification, regulation, or practice of any carrier under Federal control and may consider all the facts and circumstances existing at the time of the making of the same.

To Consider United Operation.

In determining any question concerning such rates, fares, charges, regulations, or practices, the Interstate Commerce Commission shall give due consideration to the fact that the transportation system is operated under a unified and co-ordinated national control and not in competition.

"After full hearing the commission may make such findings and orders as are authorized by the act to regulate commerce as amended, and said findings and orders shall be enforced as provided in said act.

"Provided, however, that when the President shall certify to the Interstate Commerce Commission in order to defray the expenses of Federal control and operation fairly chargeable to railway operating expenses and also to pay railway taxes, net rents for joint facilities and equipment and compensation to the carrier, operating as a unit, it is necessary to increase the rate of operating revenue, the Interstate Commerce Commission in determining the justice and reasonableness of any rate, fare, etc., shall take into consideration said finding and certificate by the President together with such recommendations as he may make."

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ALLIES HAVE LARGE SHARE OF OUR WHEAT

United States Has Only One-third of Reserve Held Year Ago.

That the allies in Europe have been the recipients of a good share of American wheat raised last year is indicated by a statement just issued by the Department of Agriculture, showing the available stock of wheat and flour remaining on hand from the 1917 production.

While the total volume of this cereal harvested in 1917 was in excess by 10,000,000 bushels that of the previous year, totaling 60,000,000 bushels, the available supply on hand January 5, 1918, according to the figures submitted, was only from 30 to 35 per cent that available the same day of the previous year. The estimates from different sources varied slightly.

On December 31 last year the Agricultural Department finds the stock of wheat on hand was about half that of the latter part of 1916. Thus it may be seen that the ratio of per cent is rapidly on the decline.

On August 31, 1917, the report says, the stocks of flour on hand were about 75 per cent that of the corresponding day of the previous year, and on December 31 that percentage had decreased to 70. Therefore, it is plainly evident that shipments of wheat to the allies has been greatly in excess of those of flour.

Can the Utilities Commission establish a rate of fare on street cars in the District when a special act of Congress has already provided for fares in the charters of the companies?

Here is the question which is causing officials at the District Building to pore over District laws and precedents for a ruling.

In the charters of the companies Congress establishes the rate of fares to be charged. Following several fruitless wage conferences between employees and officials of the Capital Traction Company, the company has practically promised a substantial increase to the men if more revenue is obtained through a straight nickel fare.

This point will be brought forth in the first hearings of the District Commissioners, sitting as an arbitration board between company and men on March 18. It is practically assured the company will ask for straight nickel fares. With the high cost of carrying on business at the present time, it is thought that the request may be looked upon favorably.

But the question which is rife in the atmosphere of the District Building is: Can the Utilities Commission establish street car fares and superact over a Congressional law?

Peace Appropriation Amounts to \$1,045.25

Buried deep in the "diplomatic and consular" bill taken up yesterday in the Senate is the pathetic item: "Peace Palace at The Hague—\$1,045.25."

This is America's regular contribution. The bill totals about \$8,000,000 and pays the expenses and salaries of our representatives abroad.

DECLARES ALL CHARGES WERE "TRUMPED UP"

Mrs. O'Hare Claims Arrests Under Espionage Act Are Persecutions.

"Every one of the five hundred persons arrested under the espionage act have been arrested on trumped-up charges and tried by biased judges—I don't believe there is a criminal in the lot," said Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, Socialist writer and lecturer, recently convicted in North Dakota, under the espionage act, in an address last night before the local O'Hare Defense League, at Pythian Temple.

"Unless the people protest against the misuse and abuse by petty politicians of a law that was necessary and right, the time will soon come when any man or woman who dares lift a voice against war profiteering or any editor who dares print news of such things as the Hog Island deal, will be seized and sent to prison."

Like Trial of Witches.

In telling the story of her arrest and conviction in North Dakota, she said that her case paralleled the trial of witches in Salem, and characterized the indictment as "one of the most delicious bits of humor since the days of Mark Twain."

"The only reason Judge Wade did not resort to the old test for witches was that the only river near was frozen over," she said. She catalogued Judge Wade's action in deferring sentence for eight days as conviction as "one of the most diabolical, brutal and damnable bits of cruelty ever perpetrated upon any person in American history."

In speaking of the surveillance of the Department of Justice, Mrs. O'Hare said that in the Secret Service were as fine a lot of men as she had ever seen, and "she didn't mind being shadowed by them a bit."

"They have bought me so many dinners," she said, "that I blush every time I see Uncle Sam's face on a postcard."

"The one thing Socialists desire more than anything else," said Mrs. O'Hare, "is the downfall of the German Kaiser," the predicted that Socialistic uprisings in Germany would finally bring about the overthrow of the Prussian autocracy.

At the conclusion of her address members were solicited for the Liberty Defense Union, an organization which has been formed for the purpose of providing defense for all persons who have been arrested under the espionage act.

JUMPS FROM WINDOW TO SUICIDE'S DEATH

Baltimore March 7.—After hearing testimony at the Inquest Coroner Insley has decided that Solomon Roroway who on last Monday jumped from the second-story window of his home receiving injuries that resulted in his death committed the act with suicidal intent and today gave a certificate to that effect.

Mr. Roroway was superintendent of the Jewish Benevolent Society and was prominent in the work. He had been afflicted with nervous trouble for some time and had been treated for this malady at the Hebrew Hospital where he died.

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